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1. The Soviet-owned Danube Steamship Company - DDSG (Deutsche Dampfschiff-fahrts Gesellschaft) was probably organized in 1947 by assuming control of the property of this former German company on the territory of the Soviet Zone of Austria. The property of the company consisted of several dozen steamships (passenger, freight, and tankers), shore installations, and Wharf Korneuburg. The property of DDSG which was located in the West Zone of Austria at the end of World War II was taken over by the Austrian government and a company was operated by the government under the same name, i.e. DDSG, thus causing many misunderstandings. It should be borne in mind that there were two DDSG's in Austria during World War II: DDSG-I and DDSG-II. Both companies still exist and operate under these names in the West Zone. There is only one DDSG in the Soviet Zone of Austria and it is owned and operated by the Soviets.
2. The administration of DDSG was located in Vienna; exact address unknown. The company was directly subordinate to GUSIMZ Directorate of River Steamship Companies (Upravleniye rechnymi parokhodstvami) in Moscow, located on Sadovoye Kol'tso. [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED] Leading personnel in the company administration were Soviet. The other personnel, including the entire crews of ships, were Austrian nationals. The company effected transportation of freight on the Danube River within Austria and Satellite territories and passenger transportation, [REDACTED] only within the Austrian borders. Freight destined for the USSR was not transported by DDSG ships. Wharf Korneuburg belonged to DDSG and built tankers and self-propelled barges. During 1953 and 1954 several tankers were built for Hungary at Korneuburg. The payment agreed upon was in goods handled by TsKK of USIA. [REDACTED]

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4. Directly subordinate to DDSG was an organization in Vienna called Transport Expeditor Company (TEK), Juschwneschtrans, which was responsible for transporting Soviet freight within Austria and abroad. The Soviet director of this company was ARKHIPOV. The Austrian director was BARTASCH. The company had no connection whatsoever with Juschwneschtrans in USSR whose administration was in Odessa. The company was organized after World War II without the inclusion of any former German assets and was therefore recognized by the Austrian government and legally entered in the Austrian Trade Register under the firm's name "Ivan Popov". The firm controlled the former German transport firm in the Soviet Zone of Austria, Schencker, and had a large number of trucking companies.
5. In addition to DDSG, there was another steamship company by the name "Soviet State Danube Steamship Company" (Sovetskoye Dunay-skoye gosudarstvennoye parokhodstvo-SDGP) located on the Danube River with its administration somewhere in the USSR. This company transported freight from Danubian countries to the USSR and vice versa. [redacted] the largest part of the company's fleet consisted of tankers. The crews on SDGP ships were entirely Soviet.

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